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Reminder From County Assessor Bill Postmus On Business Property and Vessel Property Statements ***May 7 last day To Avoid Penalty!***

SAN BERNARDINO - San Bernardino County Assessor Bill Postmus today issued a reminder that May 7, 2008 is the deadline to file a business property and vessel property statement before a 10 percent penalty would be added.

Postmus is encouraging taxpayers to file their business property statements directly online by accessing www.sbassessor.org. That site is the official internet portal of the county assessor's office.

"I invite taxpayers to use this innovative method of filing their statements," said Assessor Postmus. "I am proud that it is now easier for filers to submit their statements via their personal computer and the internet. I hope as many taxpayers will utilize this convenient method."

Business Property Statements, also referred to as a Form 571-L, are documents that businesses are required by law to file if the aggregate cost of business personal property is \$100,000 or more. Separate filings are required for each business location.

Postmus noted that all submitted Form 571-L filings are held confidential by the Assessor's Office.

As the case with Form 571-L, Vessel Property Statements (Form 576-D) are also due to avoid a penalty. Filing of Form 576-D forms is mandated by state law and may be accessed via the assessor's official website.

Assessor Bill Postmus was sworn in as county assessor in January 2007. From 2005-06, Assessor Postmus served as chair of the county's Board of Supervisors. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Management from the University of Redlands. More recently, Assessor Bill Postmus was designated a Certified Property Tax Appraiser by the state of California and serves on the board of directors for the Government Finance Officers Association.

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